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SUBJECT: AUGUST 12 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

ATTY GEN BELL AUTHORIZES ADMISSION 15,000 MORE REFUGEES INTO
US, INCL 7000 BOAT PEOPLE/8000 WHO FLED TO THAILAND (UPL,
WP).

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2. PHILIPPINES

TERRORISTS THREW GRENADES INTO OUTDOOR MKT TUES, KILLING
2 IN TOWN 115 MI SE MANILA. OFFICIALS BLAME NPA (AP,
WSTAR 8/11).

3. INDONESIA

PERTAMINA/RAPPAPORT SETTLE 1.6 BILLION CLAIM FOR TANKER CHARTERS; GOI WILL PAY 150 MILLION DOLS TO CANCEL CONTRACTS OVER NEXT 3 YRS (WSJ; WILLIAMS, NYT).

4. AUSTRALIA

POSTAL WORKERS' DISPUTE SPREADS FROM SYDNEY/MELBOURNE TO OTHER CITIES (REUTER SYDNEY).

5. JAPAN

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY HELD NEAR OKAYAMA FOR JAPAN'S 1ST URANIUM-ENRICHMENT PLANT. PLANT WILL COST 181-MIL-DOLS/SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION 1979 (WP; PHINQ).

JAPAN TOLD GENEVA DISARMAMENT CONF 8/11 THERE IS "DESPERATE" NEED FOR ACTION BY NUKE POWERS TO PREVENT PROLIF. SAID UNLESS US/USSR ESPECIALLY MAKE URGENT PROGRESS ON NUKE CONTROL, NPT WILL LOSE ALL CREDIBILITY (JOC).

UPI'S KAYLOR (BALT N-A, 8/11 OKINAWA) REPORTS ON CAMP BUTLER RACIAL STRIFE. BOTTLE FIGHTS/MUGGINGS/"VIGILANTE" RAIDS CITED, AS MARINE CMDRS IMPOSE CURFEW/INCREASED MPS.

FINANCE MINISTRY SAYS JAPANESE FIRMS OPERATING IN TAX UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVENS ABROAD MAY BE REQUIRED PAY DOMESTIC TAXES ON FON EARNINGS STARTING NEXT APRIL (UPI, JOC).

JAPAN NATL RR LOST RECORD 3.5 BIL DOLS FY76, RAISING JNR'S INDEBTEDNESS TO ABOUT 26 BIL DOLS (UPI, JOC).

WSTAR (8/11) RUNS AP FOTO TOYAKO HOT SPRINGS, WHICH IT REPORTS AS VIRTUAL "GHOST TOWN" AFTER EVACUATION CAUSED BY MT USU ERUPTION.

6. JAPAN/KOREA

GLOBE'S BOTWRIGHT DOES ITEM ON SPAIN/FRG/JAPAN/SK SEEKING CIRCUMVENT 200-MI FISHING ZONE RULES BY OFFERING BUY NEW ENGLAND CATCHES. LOCAL FISHERMEN REPORTEDLY TEMPTED BY OFFERS BECAUSE THEY SAY DOCKSIDE PRICES TOO LOW. JAPAN/SK NOT ONLY INTERESTED IN BUYING FISH, BUT WILLING BUY INTO PLANTS/PROCESSING EQUIPMENT IF NECES SARY.

7. KOREA

PRES PARK SAYS SK WILL HOLD 1978 PRES ELECTION UNDER

PRESENT ELECTORAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, WHICH HE CONTROLS. OPPOSITION HAS BEEN CLAMORING FOR MORE OPEN ELECTION PROCESS (WP).

SKOREAN DIPLOMATS IN PARIS ALLEGE 3 NKOREANS ATTEMPTED KIDNAP SKOREAN CONCERT PIANIST PAIK, AFTER LURING HIM TO YUGOSLAVIA. PAIK CONFIRMED THERE HAD BEEN SUCH PLOT 2 WKS AGO, BUT DECLINED GIVE DETAILS. PIANIST RETURNED PARIS W/HELP US CONSUL IN ZAGREB (REUTER PARIS, 8/11).

8. JAPAN/CHINA

JAPAN AUTOMOBILE MFRS ASSN WILL VISIT PEKING FOR 2 WKS STARTING 9/15 AT INVITATION CHINESE AUTO INDUSTRY. UNCLASSIFIED

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TEAM TO INSPECT SHANGHAI/CHANG CHUN FACTORIES (UPI, JOC).

9. CHINA

CSM'S BOURNE, IN VIENNA, REPORTS TITO TO VISIT USSR MID-AUG BEFORE GOING PRC; HOPES FOSTER TIES W/CHINESE WHILE NOT DISTURBING SENSITIVE RELS W/SOVIETS. SAYS ALSO APPEARS THAT NOW UNDER HUA KUO-FENG, WHO TILTS TOWARD MORE PRAGMATIC FON POLICY, YUGO/PRC MAY MOVE CLOSER THAN DURING MAO ERA.

"ASAHI" NOW REPORTING 11TH CCP CONGRESS UNDERWAY. SAYS UNNAMED HIGH-RANKING PRC OFFICIAL CONFIRMED FACT AND THAT CONFIRMATION ALSO MADE TO WALDHEIM DURING HIS RECENT PRC VISIT (AP, WP).

FRANK TAO, ROC PRESS COUNSELOR, IN LTR TO WP, DENIES PAPER'S REPORT THAT ROC INVOLVED IN MODEST COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE W/PRC.

ROC'S EXTERNAL TRADE DEVELOP COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 8 TRADE SHOWS OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTS TO BE HELD IN TAIPEI BETW OCT '77/JUNE '78 (JOC).

NYC'S SOCCER TEAM "COSMOS" NEARING AGREEMENT W/PEKING ON SCHEDULING 1-2 GAMES NEXT MO IN PRC (FEINSTEIN, WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. JAPAN/KOREA

THOMPSON (CSM TOKYO) SAYS JAPAN DEBATING 2 QUESTIONS RE US' KOREAN W/DRAWAL--FORCED ACCOMMODATION W/USSR, UNCLASSIFIED

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OR INCREASED ARMAMENTS TO ENSURE OWN DEFENSE. PUBLIC
OPINION SEEMS HAVE CONFIDENCE IN US' COMMITMENT TO JAPAN,
BUT DEF EXPERTS REMAIN SKEPTICAL, PREFERRING ADJUST
COUNTRY'S MIL STANCE IN FACE GROWING SOV POWER/US PULLOUT.

11. KOREA

CHITRIB CITES SLOW-MOVING HOUSE/DOJ PROBES INTO KOREAN
INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL. OPINES BEST WAY FOR ATTY
GEN BELL LET PUBLIC KNOW CHARGES ARE UNDER SERIOUS INVE-
STIGATION IS TO APPOINT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR.

12. INDOCHINA/ASEAN

LORENZ (JOC SINGAPORE), IN 2ND OF 2 ARTICLES, EXPECTS
RIVALRY BETW SRV/ASEAN ACCELERATE AS LATTER FORTIFIES
IMAGE W/DEVELOPED WORLD. FORESEES FUTURE COMPETITION FOR
FON INVESTMENT. REVIEWS SRV INVESTMENT CODE/2ND 5-YR
PLAN. POINTS TO SRV DEPENDENCE ON GRANTS/AID FROM INTL
BODIES TO MAKE UP FOR SERIOUS TRADE DEFICITS/DELAY IN US
ENTRY INTO INVESTMENT SCENE. FORESEES IMPROVEMENT IN SRV
ECON SCENE THRU INVESTMENTS IN EXPORT-ORIENTED INDUSTRIES/
DEVELOPMENT OIL RESOURCES EVENTUALLY COMING ABOUT THAT
WILL BRING ASEAN COUNTRIES CLOSER TOGETHER.

13. PHILIPPINES

UPI'S LANIAUSKAS (BALTO NA 8/11) LOOKS AT MARTIAL LAW
REGIME. NOTES STEADY STREAM CRITICISM FROM INTLLY
RESPECTED ORGANIZATIONS, INCL AMNESTY INTL/INTL COMMISSION
OF JURISTS. BELIEVES GRADUAL REBUILDING DEMOCRATIC
INSTITUTIONS DESTROYED BY GOVT APPEARS ONLY ANSWER MARCOS
CAN OFFER TO CRITICISM; BUT NOTES MANY FILS FEAR RETURN
TO CORRUPTION OF PRE-MARTIAL LAW POLITICS. CHRISTOPHER

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